

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 13 to 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A key operation-assisting apparatus for improving the operation efficiency of an operator who is not skillful in operating of a data-inputting key keys is disclosed in Japanese Patent ~~Applications~~ Application, Laid-Open, 2000-66816. In the information inputting apparatus mentioned in ~~the above~~ this prior art, a data outputted from ~~the key board sate-detecting~~ a keyboard state-detecting circuit for detecting which of keys on a ~~key board~~ keyboard is touched or pushed down by a finger of the operator is superposed on the other data outputted from a display-controlling circuit, and ~~both the data~~ all data are simultaneously displayed on the display.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 23 to 27, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the aforementioned information-inputting apparatus, since the operator can observe the ~~sate~~ state of the ~~key board~~ keyboard which is superposed on the scene on the display in the practical business, the operator who is not yet skillful in operating keys can be effectively trained in the practical business.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 28 and continuing on page 2, lines 1 to 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At present, it is complicated to input a long data composed of ~~great~~ many characters through an information-inputting apparatus in which the number of the keys is limited, such as a cellular phone.

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 4 to 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Now that the cellular telephone is expected to be developed remarkably as a data terminal and to fulfil a function of transmitting the long data composed of several thousands of characters or numerals in the near future, the aforementioned conventional information-inputting apparatus does not meet the future demand. Accordingly, it is earnestly desired to develop a highly efficient method for inputting information into an apparatus in which the number of the key is limited with a high efficiency.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, lines 27 to 28 and continuing on page 3, lines 1 to 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the first feature of the invention, a method for inputting information comprises:

the first step of sensing that a user's ~~finger~~ finger touches a key for inputting information,

the second of displaying information assigned to the key touched by the user's finger on a display means, and

the third step of deciding to input information displayed on the display means, when the key is pushed down at pressure higher than a predetermined value.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 13 to 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to achieve the aforementioned ~~object~~ objective, in the method according to the invention,

the key touched by the user's finger is one of ~~plural~~ a plurality of keys to

which ~~plural informations~~ a plurality of characters are respectively assigned in the first step, and

a function assigned to the key touched by the user's finger is determined depending on a scene on the display means in the second step.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 3, lines 23 to 28, and continuing on page 4, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to achieve the aforementioned ~~object~~ objective, in the method according to the invention,

the key touched by the user's selects desired ~~information~~ character out of ~~plural informations~~ a plurality of characters in the first step, and

the display means successively displays ~~plural informations~~ the plurality of characters at a predetermined interval, when the user's finger continues to touch the key.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 2 to 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the invention, the user input desired ~~information~~ character out of ~~plural informations~~ a plurality of characters by pushing down a key.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 4 to 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In order to achieve the aforementioned ~~object~~ objective, in the invention, the key touched by the user's finger is one of component keys of a ten key for inputting a numeral or a character, or of a function-selecting key for selecting a

desired function out of ~~plural~~ a plurality of functions in the first step, and  
the display means displays the numeral or the character assigned to the  
component key touched by the user's finger, when one of the component keys of  
the ten key is touched by the user's finger, and

shifts a cursor to a ~~selective~~ selected item assigned to the component key  
touched by the user's finger on the display means, when one of the component  
keys of the function-selecting key is touched by the user's finger, in the second  
step,

wherein the ~~selective~~ selected item is included in ~~plural~~ selective a  
plurality of selectable items which respectively correspond to the component keys  
of the function-selecting key and are displayed on the display means.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 21 to 24, with the following  
rewritten paragraph:

In the invention, the user can decide to input a numeral or a character, or to  
input a desired ~~selective~~ selected item out of the ~~plural~~ selective plurality of  
selectable items, only watching the display means and without seeing the keys.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 4, lines 25 to 28, and  
continuing on page 5, lines 1 to 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the above mentioned embodiment,  
the ten key is that used in a cellular telephone for inputting a telephone  
number or characters, and

the function-selecting key is that used in the cellular telephone which  
selects the desired function out of the ~~plural~~ plurality of functions.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 3 to 13, with the following

rewritten paragraph:

According to the second feature of the invention, an information-inputting apparatus comprises[[:]]:

- keys for inputting ~~informations~~ information,
- a means for sensing that the key is touched by a user's finger,
- a display means for displaying information to the key touched by the user's finger,
- a means for detecting pressure exerted on the key, and
- a means for deciding to input information displayed on the display means, when the key is pushed down at pressure higher than a predetermined value.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, lines 27 to 28, and continuing on page 6, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 5 explains a movement of a user's finger for selecting desired ~~selective~~ selectable item, when a function-selecting scene is displayed,

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, lines 22 to 28, and continuing on page 8, lines 1 to 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Moreover, in the telephone number-inputting scene, if the user's finger touches a component key of the ten key 4, information assigned to the component key touched by the user's finger is displayed on the scene on the display 2 (S8 in FIG.1). Similarly, in the character-inputting scene, if the user's finger touches on of the component keys of the ten key 4 which are used in case that the characters are inputted, information assigned to the component touched by the user's finger is displayed ~~on the finger is displayed~~ on the scene ~~on~~ of the display 2 (S8 in FIG.1).

In the aforementioned states, whether the key touched by the ~~user's~~ user is pushed down at pressure higher than the predetermined value or not is judged (S9 in FIG. 1). When the key touched by the user's finger is judged to be pushed down at pressure higher than the predetermined value, it is definitely decided that information assigned to the key is to be inputted as shown in FIG.3 (C) (S10 in FIG.1).

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 10 to 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

On the other hand, if the key touched by the user's finger is judged to be pushed down at pressure lower than the predetermined value and the other key is touched by the user's finger, information assigned to the other key is displayed on the display 2 as shown in FIG.3 (B) (S8 in FIG.6). When it is sensed that ~~not there~~ is no a key is touched or pushed down by the user's finger, the operation for inputting information is completed (S11 in FIG.1).

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 9 to 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In the function-selecting scene, the function-selecting key 3 starts to function in a pressure-sensing mode (S24 in FIG.4). As shown in FIG. 2, the function-selecting key 3 is composed of ~~plural~~ a plurality of component keys, and, if the user's finger 12 touches one of the component keys at appropriate pressure as shown in FIG.5 (S25 in FIG.4), a cursor is shifted to a ~~selective~~ selectable item 11 which is assigned to the component key touched by the user's finger 12. Then, the user slides his finger 12 on the function selecting key 3 so that the cursor is shifted to the desired ~~selective~~ selectable item, watching the display 2, and, when the cursor 13 is shifted to the desired ~~selective~~ selectable item 11, he gives a push at the same component key of the function-selecting key 3, and information to be

inputted is decided upon (S27 in FIG.4). The function-selecting scene (the process of selecting the function) is completed in this way (S28 in FIG.4).

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 10 to 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Next, the other embodiment of the invention will be explained. In case that ~~plural information~~ a plurality of characters are assigned to a key in the embodiment, if the user continues to touch the key with his finger, ~~plural informations~~ the plurality of characters are successively displayed on the display 2. For example, in case that A, B, C, D, E in the alphabet are to be inputted through a component key "1" of the ten key 4, A, B, C, D, E are successively and automatically displayed on the display 2 at a certain interval, when the user continues to ~~touched~~ touch the component key "1" with his finger.

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 19 to 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In case that desired ~~information~~ character is selected out of ~~plural informations~~ a plurality of characters, the user pushes down the key touched by his finger at pressure higher than the predetermined value at the time when desired ~~information~~ character is displayed on the display. Thereby, the character to be inputted is decided upon.